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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

On October 1, 2009, Linda D. Chin conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Lilling, in connection with the above-identified application. The following is a statement of the substance of the interview.

As stated in the Interview Summary mailed by the Examiner on October 6, 2009, a Final Office Action, and possible amendments to overcome rejections therein, were discussed. The Examiner indicated that a starting product is required in order to properly examine the claimed subject matter since the fermentation reaction would be any number of possible reactions whether the starting product requires oxidation or reduction or any number of possible reactants to form the final product.

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The Examiner indicated that any of the starting products recited in the Examples of the specification would be satisfactory, except allegedly none of the starting products in the Examples produce the claimed final product "phenol."

The Examiner suggested a CIP application be filed to correct the situation. No agreement was reached.

Applicants thank Examiner Lillings for granting the Interview and for the courtesies extended to Linda D. Chin during the interview.

If the Examiner believes that an additional telephonic interview would assist in moving the application toward allowance, she is respectfully invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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